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(*h*) This is included under maintenance charges which are also given in the same statement.

(*i*) & (*j*) The Government have not the information.

(*k*) & (*l*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 1607 delivered on 20th March 1930.

(*m*) The Government have received no practicable offer of private enterprise.

Irrigation

Pumping of water for irrigation from wells near Kattangal spring.

* 1704 Q.—Mr. M. BALASUBRAHMANYA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that in 1927 the officers of the Corporation of Madras went to inspect the Kattangal perennial spring which is the chief tributary to the Red Hills upper supply channel;

(*b*) whether they were satisfied that the said spring if properly preserved could supply ten million gallons of water every day to the City of Madras;

(*c*) whether after the said inspection some of the ryots of the Vishnuvakkam, Velapakkam and Kilanur villages have dug new wells adjacent to the Kattangal tributary and to the Cortaliar river and put up oil engines and are pumping out and selling water to the adjoining villages at Rs. 40 per acre per crop;

(*d*) whether a large extent of dry lands has thus been cultivated with wet crop;

(*e*) whether the Collector of Chingleput and the Executive Engineer, Chingleput division, inspected the said locality in September and October 1929 and ordered that the pumping should be forthwith discontinued;

(*f*) whether the water thus pumped out was taken through Government poramboke channels without Government permission; and

(*g*) if the answer to (*d*), (*e*) and (*f*) be in the affirmative, what steps have been taken by the Government to put an end to these irregularities?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*g*) The Government have no information, but have called for a report.

Mr. M. BALASUBRAHMANYA MUDALIYAR:—"May I ask the hon. the Revenue Member whether he will be pleased to lay the report on the table of the House when it is received?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—"I will consider the suggestion."

Investigation of the Kiripatti Reservoir scheme.

* 1705 Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the investigation of the Kiripatti Reservoir scheme in the district of Salem has been completed, and whether a report of the same will be placed on the table of the House;

(*b*) whether plans and estimates have been called for and received by the Government with reference to the said scheme;